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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

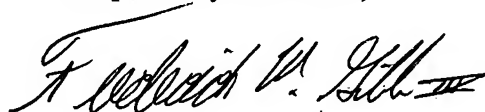
The above changes to the claims have been made to cancel claims being prosecuted in a separate application. This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 8-20 pending in the present application.

The prior application is assigned of record to (1) International Business Machines Corp., Armonk, New York, and (2) Infineon Technologies North America Corp.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,



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